



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Holly Springs Elementary  
Pickens

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 224

Principal: Donna Harden

Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt

Board Chair: Jim Shelton

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	Gold	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A

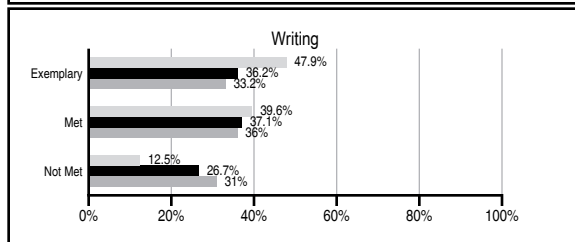
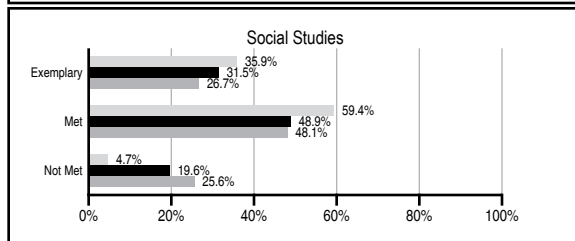
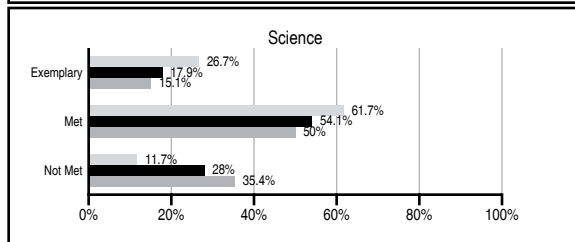
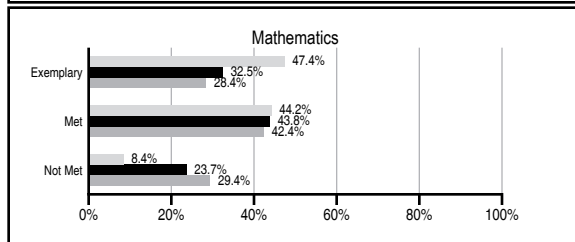
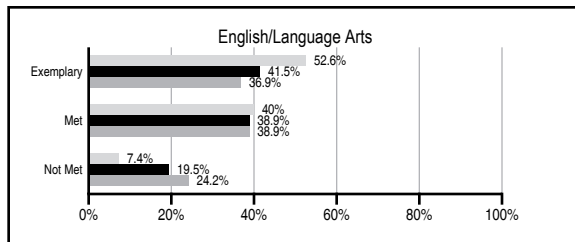
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	28	50	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	41	33	20	5
Nation	34	34	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

### MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	20	44	31	5
Nation	19	43	33	5
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

### SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)

South Carolina	36	39	23	2
Nation	34	39	25	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

### 2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

### Abbreviations Key

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=224)</b>				
Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 5.9%	1.8%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.0%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.9%	Down from 19.4%	12.2%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.6%	Up from 1.8%	7.8%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.6%	0.4%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=17)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	70.6%	Up from 66.7%	58.1%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	94.1%	Down from 94.4%	82.5%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.2%	Up from 90.8%	87.5%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	97.9%	Up from 95.3%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,934	Up 1.4%	\$46,773	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.7 days	Down from 23.3 days	11.1 days	11.1 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	Up from 17.1 to 1	19.1 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.8%	Up from 91.0%	90.5%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,756	Up 13.5%	\$6,927	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.2%	Down from 57.6%	69.8%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	50.4%	Down from 53.1%	64.6%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	37	29
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	100.0%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	100.0%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	100.0%	88.5%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Holly Springs Elementary School is located in the rural, mountainous northern section of Pickens County. We serve students in grades K4 through fifth. We are a child-centered "community" school with the motto "The Small School with the Big Heart;" indicative of the emphasis we place on the welfare of our wonderful student population. With the help of our PTO and community, we provide excellent instruction in a warm and inviting atmosphere. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. We were Scholastic Book Fairs Kids Are Authors national winners for five years in a row. We have won first place on three occasions and received an honorable mention two years. No other school in the nation has ever won the award more than once. Another national award was won in 2004 for the Pizza Hut "Book It" contest. Our fifth grade class competed nationally and won \$20,000.00 for our school library along with a Nickelodeon celebration for the entire school. For the past eleven years, we have had students receive gold and silver awards at the district level science fair. We are certified as a "Schoolyard Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation and received a "Carolina Fence Garden" certification from the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. A community garden club helps maintain the grounds. Holly Springs Elementary has a very effective guidance program that promotes service learning in our students. Our guidance counselor was named "South Carolina Counselor of the Year" in 2000. Numerous certified staff members hold higher degrees, including the doctoral level. Our media specialist is a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship winner for 2002-2003. The Fulbright Memorial Fund named one second grade teacher a Master Teacher for 2003-2004. One kindergarten teacher serves on the State Early Childhood Advisory Board and is listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Our "Around the World Day", Nursery Rhyme Program, Fairy Tale Plays, Thanksgiving Feast, Fall Festival, Heritage Fair, Spring Fling, Talent Show, Reading Celebration, Family Fun Nights and Fifth Grade Celebration involve the entire community. With the addition of the Young Appalachian Musicians Program, our school and community relations have grown to a new level. Beginning in January of 2008, students participated in music lessons learning how to play traditional blue grass music. This program has now been expanded into Pickens Middle School as well as into three other neighboring elementary schools and is gaining state-wide and national attention.

We were named Palmetto Silver Award Winner in 2002, 2003 and 2007 for outstanding improvement on the PACT Test and Palmetto Gold in 2004 and 2008. Holly Springs was also recognized by the Education Oversight Committee for closing the achievement gap where our free/reduced target group, at or above the 90th percentile, scored Basic or higher on the PACT test for seven consecutive years. Grants awarded by EIA to Holly Springs include \$4,000.00 for second grade literature support for Around the World Day and \$6,000.00 for fifth graders to experience the low country of our state. We have also been awarded two SC Humanities Council Grants for 2005-06 and 2006-07. In 2006 we received the Red Carpet Award for having a family-friendly school environment and providing excellent customer service.

Holly Springs is a wonderful place for children to learn!  
Donna Harden, Principal      Len Newman,  
Chairperson, School Improvement Council

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